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The Honorable Kay Granger  
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Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, located at 18900 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34601. The funding would be used to provide advanced technological and scientific tools for forensic experts. The facility will allow for vehicular evidence processing bays. The Crime Lab will allow for expansion and the addition of modern technologies, including crime gun processing, containment chambers/hoods, and the future implementation of Brasstrax, and additional work stations, lab space, and storage.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress